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# Greenbrier Independent.

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THURSDAY, JULY 8TH, 1897.

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## LOCAL MATTERS.

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PAY your account at J. E. Bell's.

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It is said there were four murders in Fayette county last Saturday.

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### Shue Convicted of Murder.

After an elaborate argument of the evidence by Messrs. Gilmer and Preston for the State and Jas. P. D. Gardner, colored, and Dr. Rucker for the accused, the case of the State vs. E. S. ("Trout") Shue was given to the jury last Thursday afternoon, and the jury, after being out one hour and ten minutes, returned into Court with a verdict of murder in the first degree, as charged in the indictment, but recommending that the accused be punished by imprisonment, which means, under the law, that he be confined in the penitentiary for the term of his natural life. Dr. Rucker entered a motion for a new trial, but this was withdrawn the next morning, and Shue will be duly sentenced before the Court adjourns.— Though the evidence was entirely circumstantial, the verdict meets general approval, as all who heard the evidence are satisfied of the prisoner's guilt.— After the murder Shue had every opportunity to make his escape, as four weeks elapsed before he was arrested and put in jail. The fact that he did not do so was explained by Mr. Gilmer, in his argument, by showing that Shue was all the time laboring under the impression that he could not be convicted on circumstantial evidence, and felt secure in knowing that there was no wit-

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Taking the verdict of the jury as ascertaining the truth, then we must conclude that Shue deliberately broke his wife's neck—probably with his strong hands—and with no other motive than to be rid of her that he might get another more to his liking. And, if so, his crime is one of the most horrible, cruel and revolting ever known in the history of this county.

Mr. Preston deserves the thanks of the people for his diligence in hunting up the evidence and for his admirable management of the case before the jury.

### Death of Mrs. Mary R. Truslow.

This lady died on the 12th of June, 1897, at the home of her son, Frederick M. Truslow, in Marietta, Ga., in her 74th year. She was born in Oswego county, N. Y., and her maiden name was Limerick. More than a year ago she was stricken with paralysis and lay a helpless invalid ever since. For twenty years she resided in Lewisburg, and taught a school of young ladies and girls, and was loved by all her school

will connect the C. & O. with the N. & W., and will pass through a fine coal and timber region.

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RAILROAD NEWS.—A meeting of railroad men was held at the Hot Springs several weeks ago, looking to an extension of a branch line from the Chesapeake and Ohio road at White Sulphur Springs to Marlinton to intersect with the Camden road, which it has been known for a long time desires a connection with the Ches. & Ohio. It is also reported that the C. & O. will at once begin the construction of a railway up Greenbrier, and that trains will be running to the forks of Greenbrier before the close of the present year. In that event the West Virginia Central will probably build a road south to a connection with the C. & O. at that point.

It may be well to say at this juncture that the above is not all the railway news we are in possession of, and that in a short time we may be able to give notice of railway work much nearer home.—*Ronceverte News.*

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WHEAT is threshing out very well in the Levels. A tract of 11 acres averaged  $28\frac{1}{2}$  bushels to the acre. A leading farmer in that section estimated the cost of production of wheat in the Levels on the basis of a yield of twenty bushels per acre, which can be more than averaged on those farms, and, counting labor, fertilizer, interest on land, seed, etc., the cost of production is about 46 cents per bushel.—*Pocahontas Times*.

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W. T. PATTERSON, formerly of this

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THE surveying corps of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway is making a careful and elaborate survey down the banks of the Greenbrier from the forks of that river. In addition to the large force brought with them, they have hired nine axemen for three months.— It is reported that three routes are to be surveyed, and the branching off point to be either White Sulphur or Ronceverte. The three routes will be parallel, running north and south, and pass either Driscoll, Huntersville or Marlinton. The route down the river bank will be the Marlinton route. It is estimated that a road built on the river will cost the most, but will be the most valuable. If that route should be left unoccupied there is a further danger that after a railroad built elsewhere had developed the county, that it might afford a route for a rival line which would cut off the traffic created by the first road.—*Pocahontas Times.*

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Go to H. F. Hansbarger's for silver-  
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The pipes, for our Water Works, have been laid from the river to the tank on Waggoner's Hill, and Mr. Hinkle has a force of hands digging the ditches thro' our public streets. If the weather will permit the work will soon be completed.

The young ladies of the Methodist Sunday School will give an ice-cream supper and taffy pulling, at the home of the Misses Foglesong to-morrow (Friday) night, at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited. Proceeds for the benefit of the Sunday School.

An earthquake shock was very perceptible to many of our citizens on Saturday evening last, about 3 o'clock.—It was accompanied by a noise resembling loud thunder, and some mistook it for thunder. From our exchanges we learn that it was central about Wytheville, Va.

Quite a number of our people are sick—Dr. S. H. Austin is suffering from pluerisy; Misses Mary E. Mathews and Laura Streailey are seriously sick with grip; Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson is suffering from muscular rheumatism. Dr. J. L. Nelson and Mr. Erasmus Harnest and son Gus are improving.

One of the most remarkable women of our county is Mrs. Hannah Sydenstricker, of White Sulphur district, who is now 84 years of age, and is hale, hearty and stout. She has been tapped 25 times for dropsy, the first time being 1891, and over 148 gallons of water in all taken from her. She bids fair to live a number of years yet.

#### Personal Mention.

M. W. Venable, spent last Sunday with his family in Charleston.

Lieut. E. W. N. Peamster, of Muddy Creek, has returned from a visit to Charleston.

Prof. W. A. Gray, of Monroe county, was here this week tuning the pianos at the L. F. L.

Henry McNeel, son of Capt. Wm. L. McNeel, was down from Pocahontas yesterday on business.

L. E. McClung, of Hanceverte, was a guest at the Peyton House in Charleston the first of the week.

Inaac Mann, Esq., of Bramwell, is visiting his father, Mr. Matthew Mann, at Fort Spring, this week.

Chas. McLaughlin, of Bath county,

This is the same W. W. Smith who conducted a meeting in the Town Hall here some years ago. He seems to get into trouble everywhere he goes. The man is a crank, lacks gentlemanly instincts, and, we verily believe, injures rather than aids the cause in which he labors.

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Now, dear *Times*, don't worry yourself at all over the Big Levels, the Little Levels, or even the town of Marlinton. If you are not lucky in getting the railroad and it comes through the county we would like you to take a trip to the south of Driscoll and see if it is quite as God forsaken as you think. Now, don't let us worry President Ingalls with our valuable advice. It might confuse him and make him think he don't know as much about his business as he thinks he does.

Yours truly,

CITIZENS OF THE FOOTHILLS.

February 5th, 1898.

#### Historic Spot.

Ansted is a mining town on the Kanawha River and Kanawha Turnpike, in ette county, ten miles East of Kanawha Falls.

On a hill overlooking the town is the grave of the mother of Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson. The site is marked by a plain marble slab inscribed as follows:

"Here lies Julia Beckwith Jackson, born February 28th, 1798, in Loudoun county, Va., married first John Jackson; second, Blake B. Woodson, died, September 1831. To the memory of 'Stonewall Jackson,' this tribute from one of his old brigade."

The grave remained unmarked until after the war. It was unknown except to a few who had interred the body until after the war. The won distinction in the civil war. The location is accounted for by the fact that, at the formation of Fayette county in 1831, the Governor of Virginia appointed Blake B. Woodson, Clerk of the Court of the new county, removed to Ansted, the county seat then being at Mountain Cove, to the east of the present town of Ansted. The late Wm. C. Woodson, of Ansted, was a son of the Blake B. Woodson above mentioned.

Another old landmark in the history of the country, which is still discernible at various points is the old "Stonewall Jackson Trail," leading from Virginia to the Northwest Territory, and which was traversed by Washington and his army. The characters distinguished in the history.

THERE has been an unusual amount of business in real estate here within the past few days. Mr. G. K. Gwinn, of the firm of Gwinn & Gwinn, purchased a large tract of land since the residence property of R. Green, situated on Monroe street near the railroad crossing. The tract consists of a large two-story house and garden. The price is \$2,000.

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**Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, Items.**

There is a great deal of sickness in this neighborhood at present. Mrs. E. I. Holt is still in a critical condition. Dr. Marshall Peyatt has been rendered helpless by rheumatism and the ailments arising from old age. Anthony Hill, son of R. W. Hill, is very low with pneumonia. Three of Charlie Jackson's children are very ill with scarlet fever. Mrs. Jennie Kinnison, whose dangerous illness caused such great apprehension among her relatives and friends, is recovering under the skillful treatment of Dr. Winters McNeil. There are many cases of colds or grippe, and our physicians are kept busy ministering to the sick here and there.

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The Greenbrier railroad survey is camped opposite Academy, on the river. The route seems to be the most practicable yet surveyed. The distance will not be over fifty miles and the grade uniform at about eight feet per mile. B. M. Yeager has been taking options for right of way and finds that a very reasonable sum will secure it. He has secured the gift of a right of way and grounds for a depot at Caldwell, where this railroad will meet the C. & O.

Speaking of Mrs Dr. John Ligon whose death occurred on the 24th ult the letter says :

She spent her life on the farm on which she died, which is the finest estate in this country. Her home was known throughout at least the two States for its boundless hospitality. She was a member of the Episcopal church. She was buried from the pretty chapel which she and her husband built on their farm, the membership of which is entirely composed of her immediate family.

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FLOYD PARKER died at his home at Sinks Grove, Monroe county, on Sunday last, aged 44 years.

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SHERIFF S. H. NICKELL sends out invitations to the tax-payers to meet him in their districts in the month of October. See them in another column.

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TABLE boarders can obtain board at reasonable rates, by applying to Mrs. J. W. Mathews.

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THE new advertisement of Jackson, Cackley & Co., of Ronceverte, will appear next week. Watch out for it.

### Notice

All persons owning property in the town of Greenbrier and not assessed for the same, must pay the same on the delinquent day.

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### Judge Moore Interviewed.

Judge C. F. Moore, who is in charge of the Legal Department of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., and thoroughly familiar with its affairs, in reply to an inquiry concerning the causes which induced the Company to locate its new plant at Caldwell, said:

"I am very glad, indeed, to have the opportunity through a medium so much respected as the INDEPENDENT, to speak our reasons for coming to Greenbrier county. Some of your people may be laboring under a misapprehension, and naturally so, since so many unauthorized and unwarranted statements have appeared in the newspapers. I am advised that some have the impression that we are coming here because our operations on the north branch of the Potomac river were so objectionable as to result in our being driven from there by the action of the courts. There never was a greater mistake. Paper-makers are not outlaws, and we are not refugees from justice. It is true that our Company has recently been harrassed by vexatious and expensive litigation, but the charges against us have not been sustained, neither, indeed, can they be.

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cated, want us to remain there, and  
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should we determine to remove. The  
fight against us has been made by the  
city of Cumberland, or, speaking more  
accurately, by a small and cranky ele-  
ment of that city. Cumberland is the  
only place in that section which insists  
upon using the vile waters of the Po-  
tomac river for domestic purposes.  
This stream is filthy beyond concep-  
tion, yet Cumberland wants to supply  
her people with the stuff, and empties  
her own sewerage into the pool from  
which the supply is taken. The con-  
tamination of the river is so gross that  
our Company cannot make use of it in  
the manufacture of paper without the  
operation of a large and expensive filter  
plant. We are in nowise responsible  
for the abominable condition which  
prevails at Cumberland. The sources  
of pollution are numerous and prolific;  
hundreds of coal mines continuously  
discharge into the river an immense  
outflow pregnant with sulphuric acid,  
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As I have said before, we are not responsible for the pollution, do not have to leave there and do not propose to do so until we get ready. We have decided to build our new plant on the Greenbrier river, because the conditions appear to us to be more favorable here for the conduct of our business.

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The building of our new plant does not of necessity involve the abandonment of the plant operated on the Potomac river. Later it may appear to be to our interest to withdraw entirely from that section, but such a course has not yet been determined upon.

There has been some talk of our destroying the fish in the river. Well, that's a fish story, which is subject to the usual discount. The truth is, the fish in the north branch of the Potomac were destroyed many years before we located in that section, which fact was established beyond question at the recent trial. I wish your people could have heard the testimony of Prof. J. W. Mallet, of the University of Virginia, than whom no chemist in the world ranks higher. His attainments

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If any of your readers have doubts or misgivings concerning the effect of our location upon the Greenbrier river, we sincerely hope they will possess their souls in peace and withhold judgment until the truth is made to appear. We are not coming here to injure any one, or to invade any right, but we hope in a short while to have in operation an industry that will reflect credit upon this section and materially add to the general prosperity which the Greenbrier valley richly deserves."

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### Railroad Ties Wanted.

Persons wishing to make contracts with Johnson, Briggs & Pitt for railroad ties, to be delivered along the line of the Greenbrier River Railroad, will please write to them or me at Caldwell W. Va., to obtain specifications, prices, times for delivery, cash payments and other desired information. Contracts will be made for large or small quantities, to suit contractors. Prompt action desired, and the first applicants will get ahead.

C. T. SMITH.

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IF you want a Greenbrier or Pocahontas farm or a house and lot in Lewisburg apply to Hubert Echols, Real Estate Agent, Lewisburg. 1wk,

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SERVICES will be held at St. Charles' White Sulphur Springs next Sunday, the 10th, as follows: Low mass at 8.00

with the Committee.

G. W. KNAPP, Sec'y.

### Development in Pocahontas.

Wm. R. Cole, of New York city, and President of the National Cooperage Co., who purchased of Hon. C. P. Dorr his timber lands in Pocahontas county, has commenced the erection of shops, dwellings, etc., on 15 acres recently acquired of Dr. Ligon. Part of the machinery is already on the ground and in a short time 100 men will find employment. All the latest machinery for the manufacture of staves will be put in. One large order to be filled is for 200,000 oyal staves for claret bottles to be sent to France. In addition to manufacturing staves, this company will buy at any siding along the railroad any number of white and red oak staves in car-load lots. He will also buy piling for docks and tanbark in large quantities. The new industry promises much for the county.

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1901.**

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**LOCAL MATTERS.**

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AT BELL'S Hardware Store—Binding Twine and Deering repairs.

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### Along the Greenbrier.

THE Greenbrier River Railroad began regular passenger service to Cass, 84 miles from Ronceverte, on the 1st inst., also a daily local freight to that point. On August 1st a mail agent will be put on and a combination baggage, express and a mail has already been put on the the train. For a new road, it has been very fortunate during the late freshets, and has had fewer interruptions to traffic than the main line. A force of about 250 extra men were laid off last week, the road bed to Cass having been completed. The St. Lawrence saw mill and sash and door factory, at Ronceverte, are running steadily. They are loading the 9,000,000 feet "drive" of the W. Va. Pulp and Paper Company for shipment to the Covington mills.—

Several consignments of the 200 new flat cars for special service on the pulp log traffic between Cass and Covington have arrived and been put into service. They are built specially for this trade, 38 feet long and of 80,000 pounds capacity, and are first-class in every respect.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH, 1901.

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THIS is the longest day in the year.

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